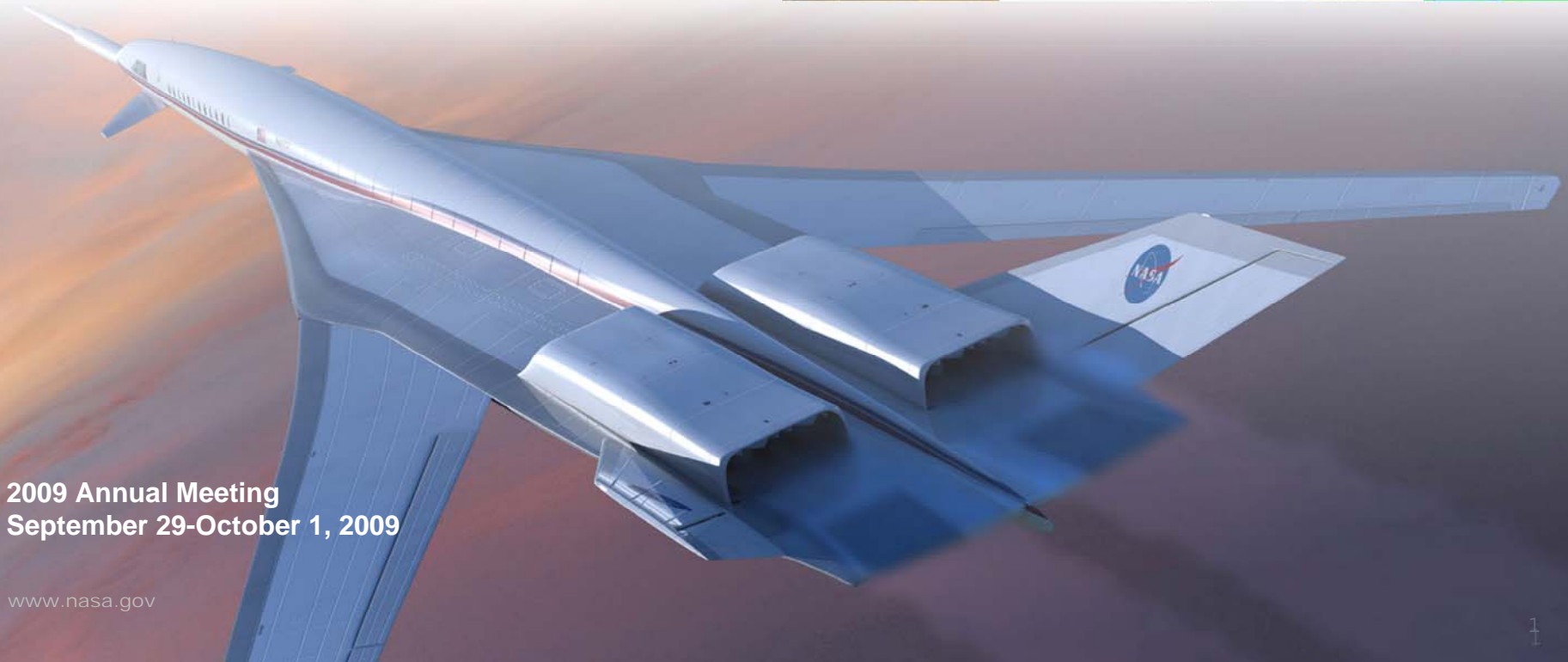
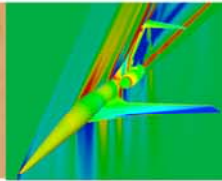
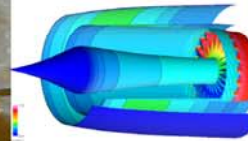




# NASA Fundamental Aeronautics Program Supersonics Project

**Peter Coen**  
Principal Investigator

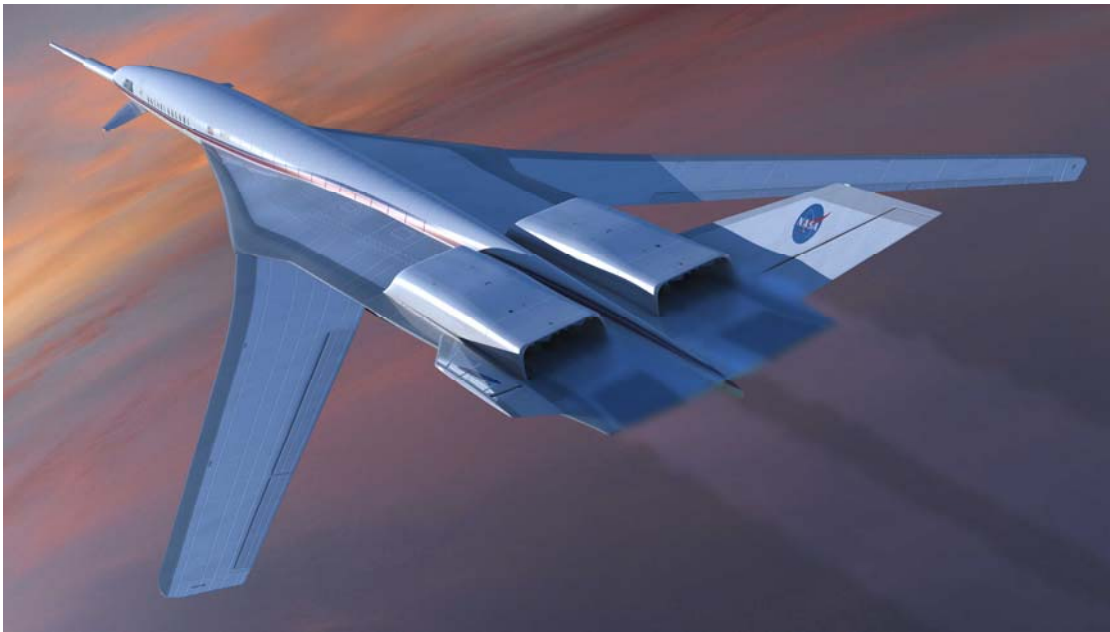


2009 Annual Meeting  
September 29-October 1, 2009

# Fundamental Aeronautics Supersonics Project



**Project Goal:** Tool and technology development for the **broad spectrum** of supersonic flight.



## **Supersonic Cruise Aircraft**

Eliminate the efficiency, environmental and performance barriers to practical supersonic cruise vehicles



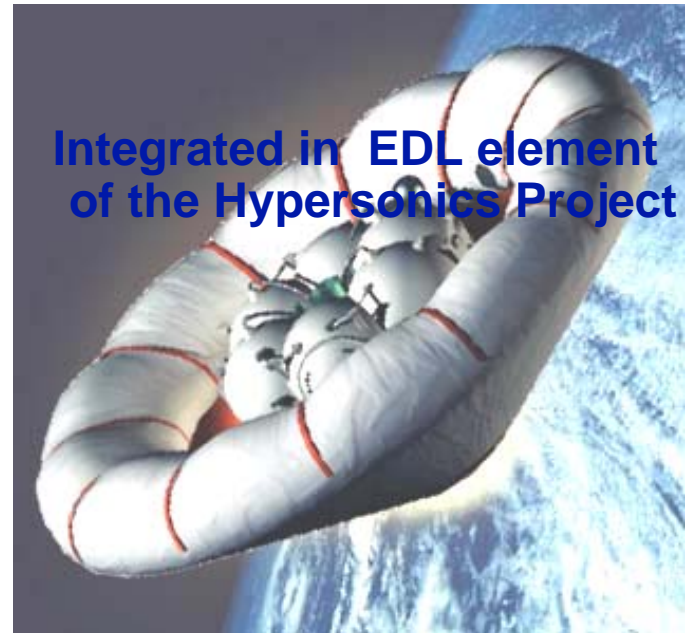
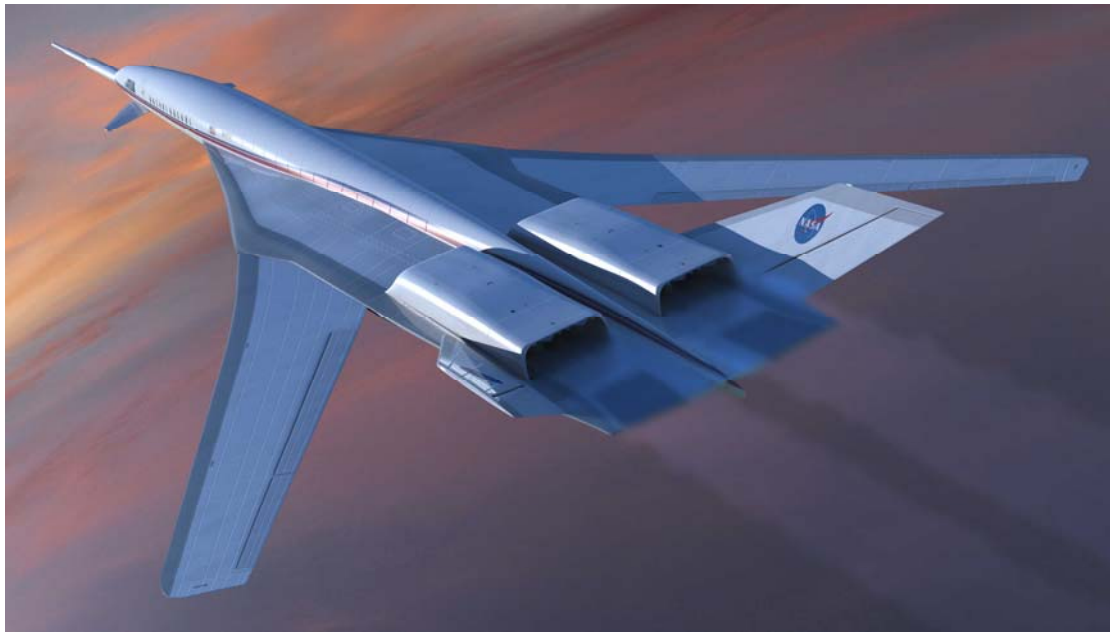
## **High Mass Planetary Entry Systems**

Address the critical supersonic deceleration phase of future large payload Exploration and Science Missions

# Fundamental Aeronautics Supersonics Project



**Project Goal:** Tool and technology development for the **broad spectrum** of supersonic flight.



## FY 2010 and Beyond

- Supersonic project single focus area: Supersonic civil aircraft
- Near term emphasis on achieving supersonic overland cruise
- Supersonic decelerator research integrated into EDL element of the Hypersonics Project

# Supersonics Project Technical Challenges



*The Supersonics technical challenge areas are designed to break the traditional discipline “stovepipes” and foster innovative solutions “at the seams” between disciplines*

- **Efficiency Challenges - 30 % Improvement over HSR**
  - Supersonic Cruise Efficiency
  - Light Weight and Durability at High Temperature
- **Environmental Challenges - No greater impact than subsonic fleet**
  - Airport Noise: Acceptable levels without weight or performance penalty
  - Sonic Boom: Propagation, prediction and design
  - High Altitude Emissions: Emissions impact must be minimized or eliminated
- **Performance Challenges - Safe and comfortable flight for crew and passengers**
  - Aero-Propulso-Servo-Elastic (APSE) Analysis and Design: Controlling flutter, gust, and maneuver loads in a manner that is synergistic with the vehicle structural design
- **Entry Descent and Landing Challenges**
  - Supersonic Entry Deceleration: Develop tools and technologies to support the design and validation of exploration systems capable of landing payloads in the 30 metric ton class
- **System Integration, MDAO Challenges**
  - Understanding and exploiting the interactions of all these supersonic technology challenges is the key to the creation of practical designs
- **Integration of Supersonic Aircraft in NextGen System**
  - Determine the characteristics for an airspace that enables supersonic aircraft to utilize their full capabilities



# Supersonic Project Technical Elements – Part 1



## Cruise Efficiency

- Tools and technologies for integrated propulsion and vehicle systems level analysis and design
- High performance propulsion components
- Low Boom / Low Drag design

## Airport Noise

- Improved supersonic jet noise models validated on innovative nozzle concepts

## Sonic Boom Modeling

- Realistic propagation models
- Indoor transmission and response models

## Aero-Propulso-Servo-Elasticity

- ASE/flight dynamic and propulsion analysis and design tool development and validation
- APSE analysis and design tools

## Light Weight and Durability at High Temperature

- Materials, test and analysis methods for airframe and engine efficiency, durability and damage tolerance

## High Altitude Emissions

- Improved prediction tools
- Low emissions combustors



# Supersonics Project Technical Elements - Part 2



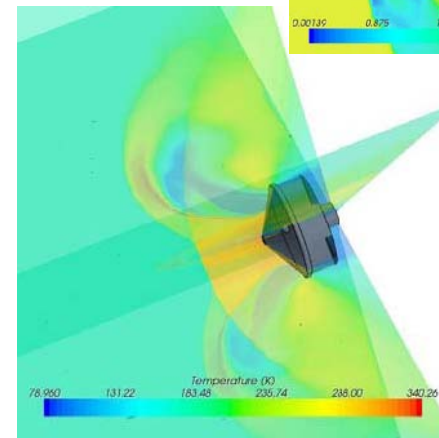
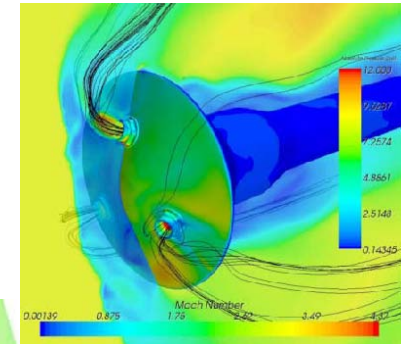
## Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerators

- Develop Architectures
- Evaluate Performance
- Predict Fluid – Structure Interaction



## Supersonic Retro-Propulsive Decelerators

- Develop Architectures
- Evaluate Performance
- Predict Fluid – Fluid Interaction

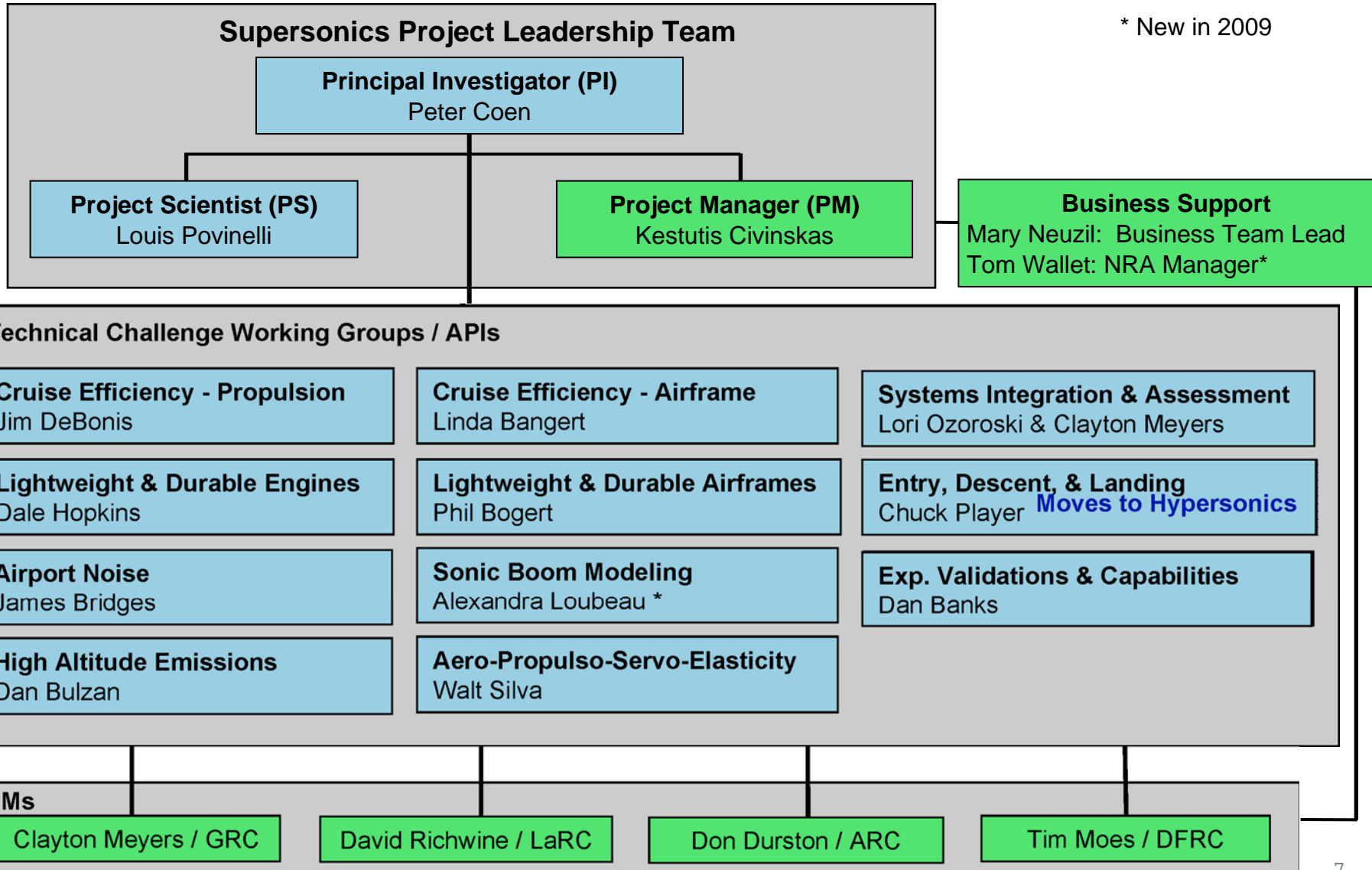


**Becomes Atmospheric Decelerator Technologies in the Hypersonics Project**  
*Overview Presentation Thursday afternoon*

# Organization and Key Personnel FY10



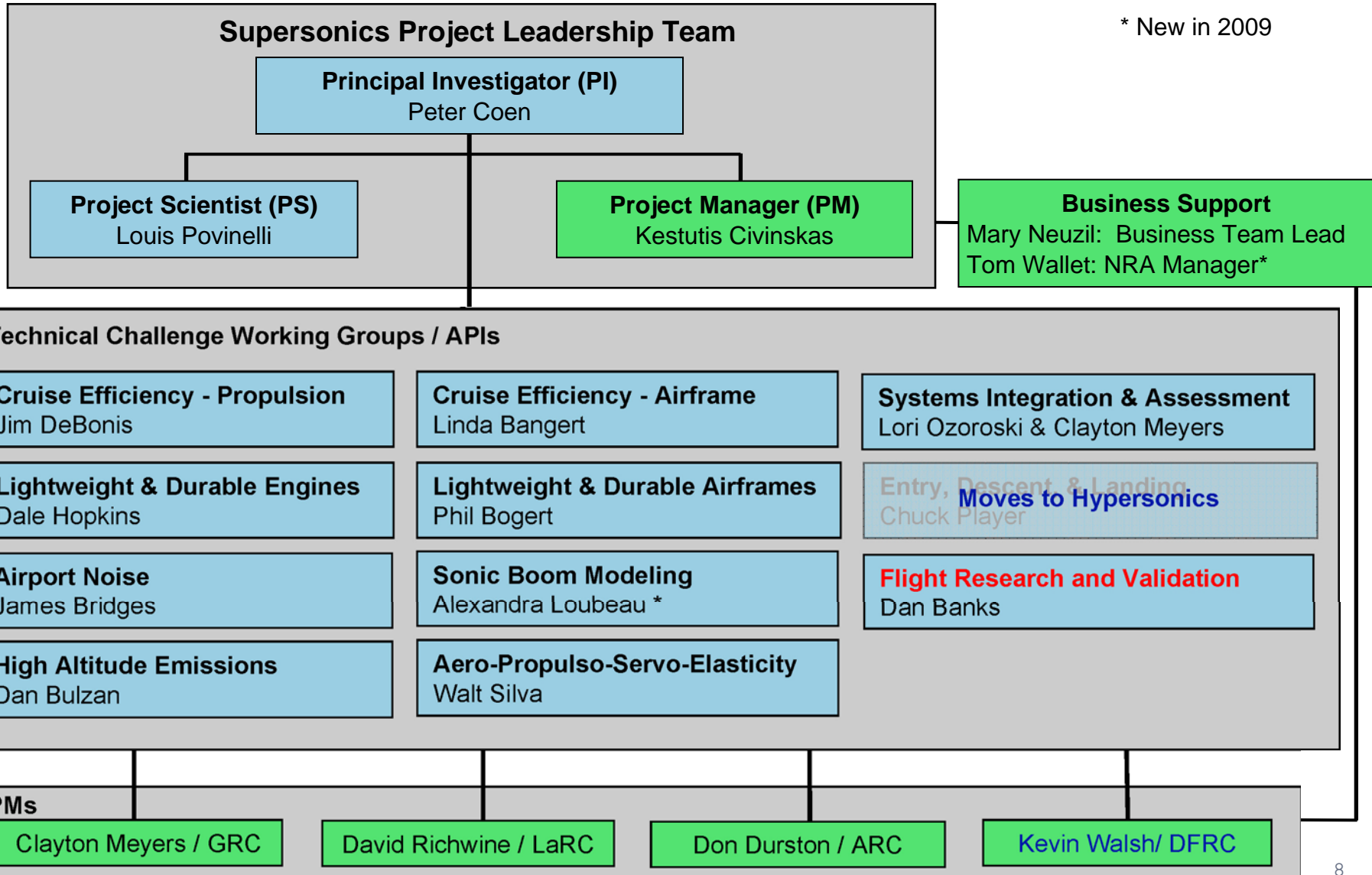
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# Organization and Key Personnel FY10



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# NASA Supersonic Transport Systems Level Metrics



|                                                        | N+1<br>Supersonic<br>Business<br>Class Aircraft<br>(2015) | N+2<br>Small<br>Supersonic<br>Airliner (2020) | N+3<br>Efficient Multi-<br>Mach Aircraft<br>(Beyond 2030)       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Environmental Goals</b>                             |                                                           |                                               |                                                                 |
| <b>Sonic Boom</b>                                      | 65-70 PLdB                                                | 65-70 PldB                                    | 65-70 PLdB<br>Low Boom flight<br>75-80 PldB<br>Overwater flight |
| <b>Airport Noise<br/>(cum below stage 4)</b>           | Meet with<br>Margin                                       | 10 EPNdB                                      | 10-20 EPNdB                                                     |
| <b>Cruise Emissions<br/>(Cruise NOx g/kg of fuel)</b>  | Equivalent to<br>current<br>Subsonic                      | < 10                                          | < 5 & particulate<br>and water vapor<br>mitigation              |
| <b>Performance Goals</b>                               |                                                           |                                               |                                                                 |
| <b>Cruise Speed</b>                                    | Mach 1.6-1.8                                              | Mach 1.6 -1.8                                 | Mach 1.3 - 2.0                                                  |
| <b>Range (n.mi.)</b>                                   | 4000                                                      | 4000                                          | 4000 - 5500                                                     |
| <b>Payload (passengers)</b>                            | 6-20                                                      | 35-70                                         | 100 - 200                                                       |
| <b>Fuel Efficiency<br/>(pass-miles per lb of fuel)</b> | 1.0                                                       | 3.0                                           | 3.5 Š 4.5                                                       |

N+1 “Conventional”



N+2 Small Supersonic Airliner



N+3 Efficient, Multi Mach Aircraft



# Supersonic Concept Development & System Analysis



- Objectives

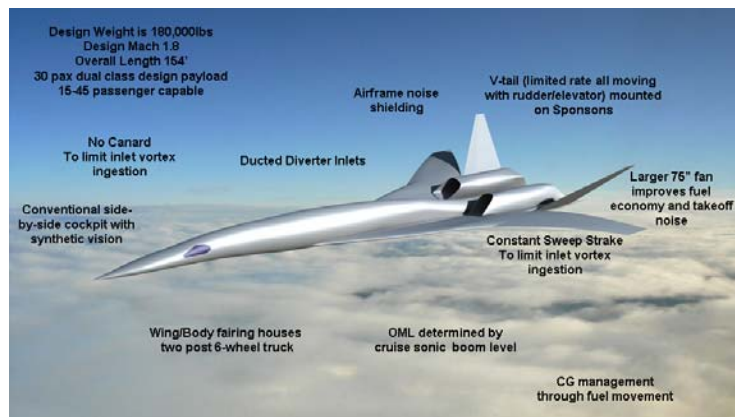
- Refine NASA's vision of system level metrics
- Develop innovative configurations for technology integration and validation
- Define technology requirements, benefits & roadmaps
- Explore trade space with evolving MDAO capabilities

N+2 Completed by Boeing Team 6/09

Technical Specs:

- 180,000 lbs design TOGW
- Mach 1.8
- Overall Length 154ft
- 30 passengers dual class
- Boom softened
- Advanced MFTF engine
- Stage 3 -15EPNdB

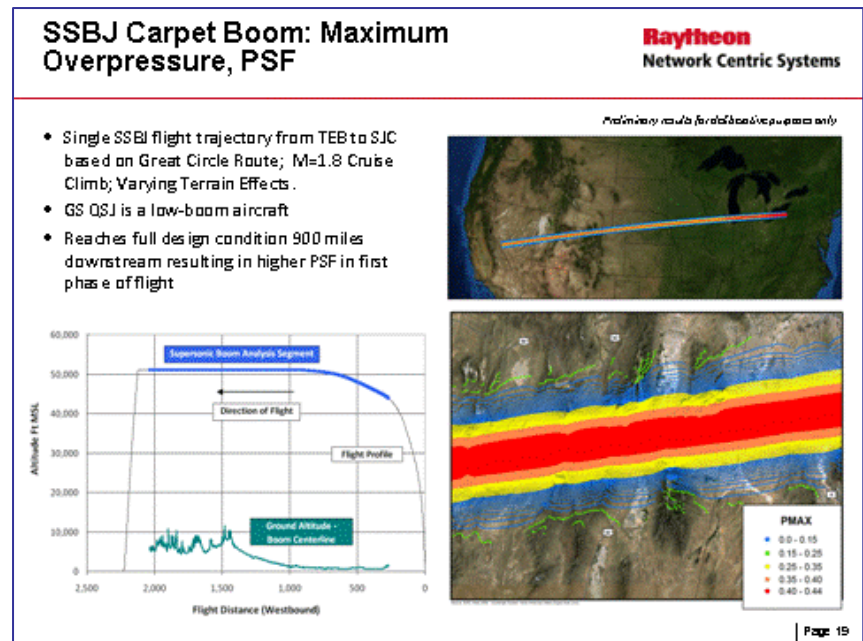
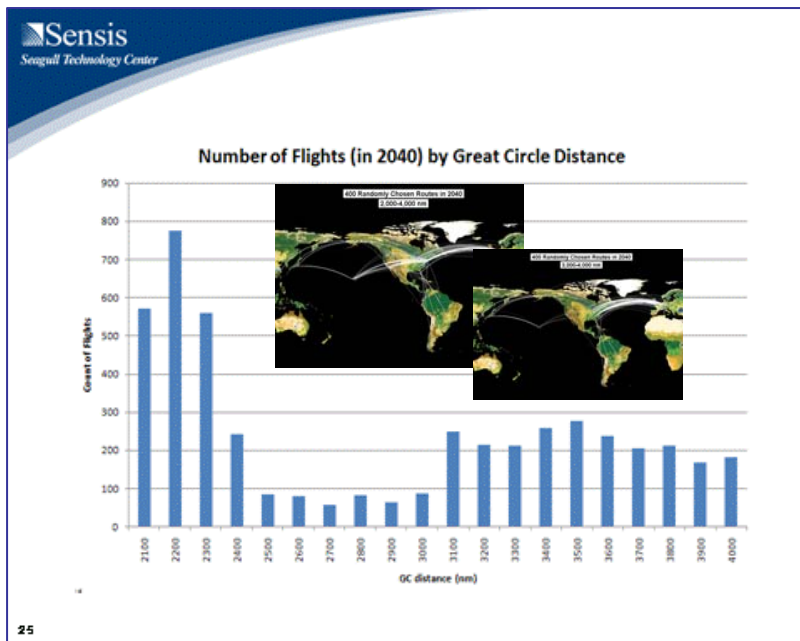
N+3 Awarded to Boeing & Lockheed Teams 9/09



# Supersonic Aircraft in the NextGen Airspace System



- Collaborative effort with Airspace Systems Program funded NRA
- Investigating airspace traffic and terminal operation impacts relating to two classes of commercial supersonic aircraft in the 2025 and 2040 Joint Program Development Office (JPDO) projected marketplace.
  - Raytheon (Gulfstream, et al.) ~10pax Supersonic Business Jet N+1
  - Sensis Corp. (Georgia Tech, Boeing N+2 team, et al.) 100pax Small Supersonic Airliner, N+2
- Investigations include sonic boom ground tracks, flight frequency and city pair traffic, departure and arrival metering with subsonic aircraft patterns



*Look for presentations at 2pm and 4pm today in NextGen parallel session*

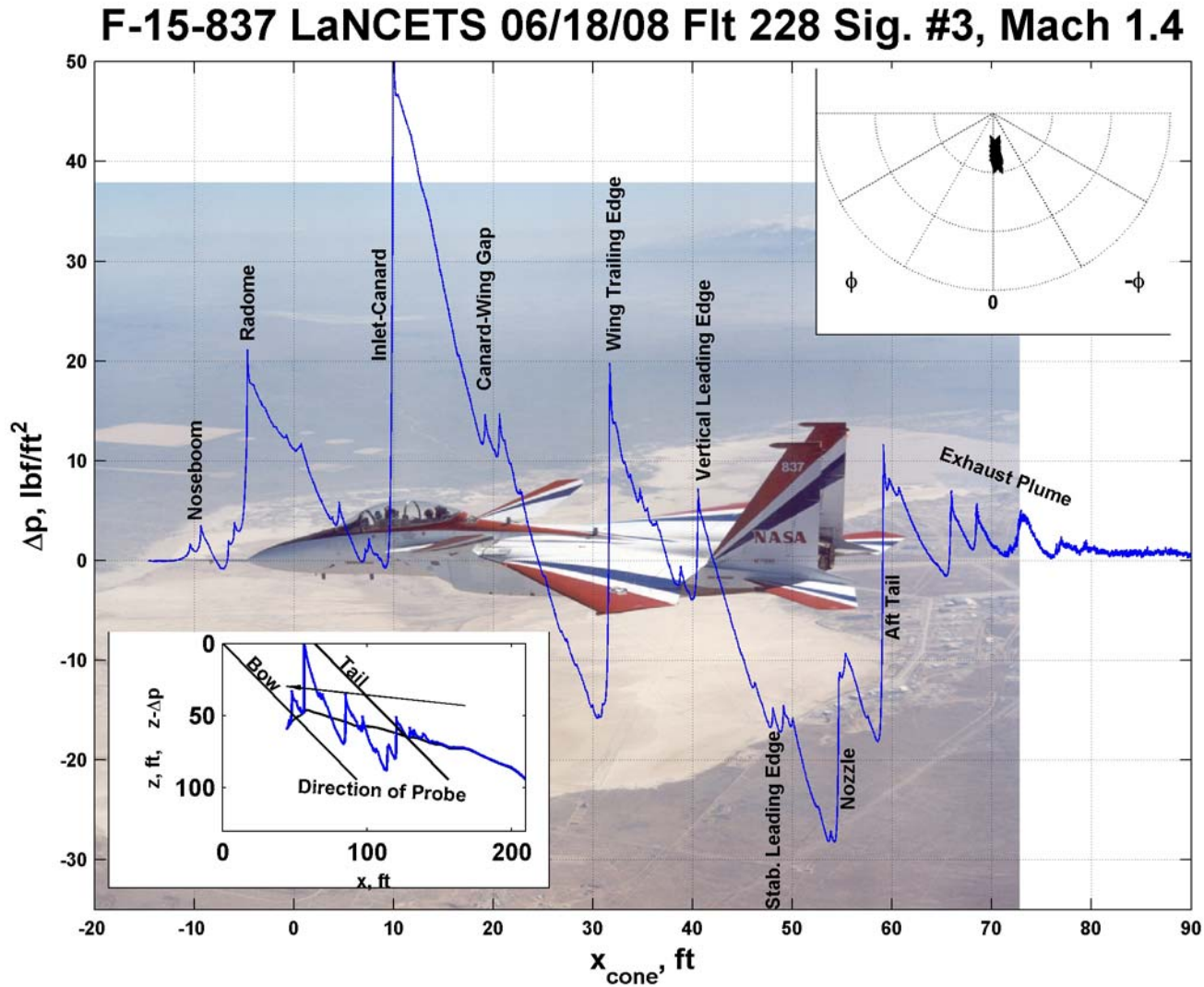
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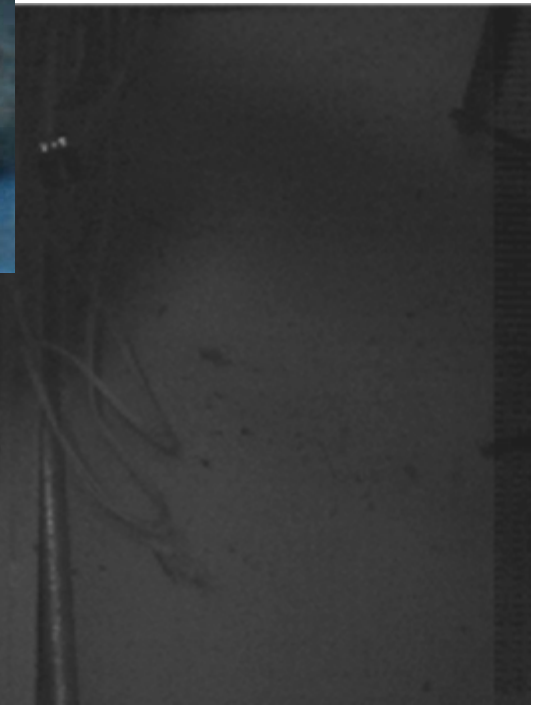
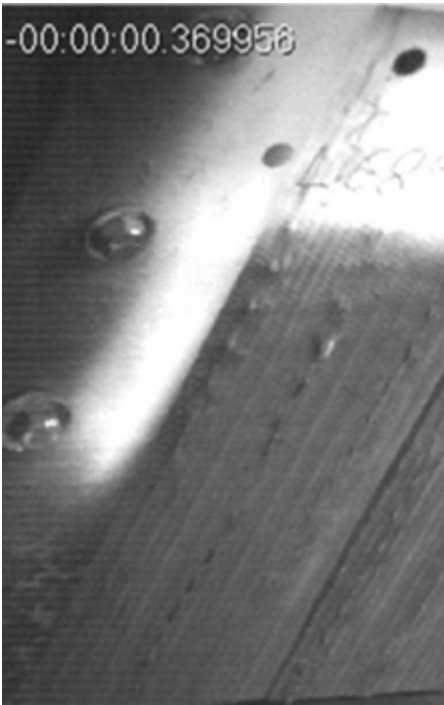


## NASA 837 Retires After a Long Productive Career



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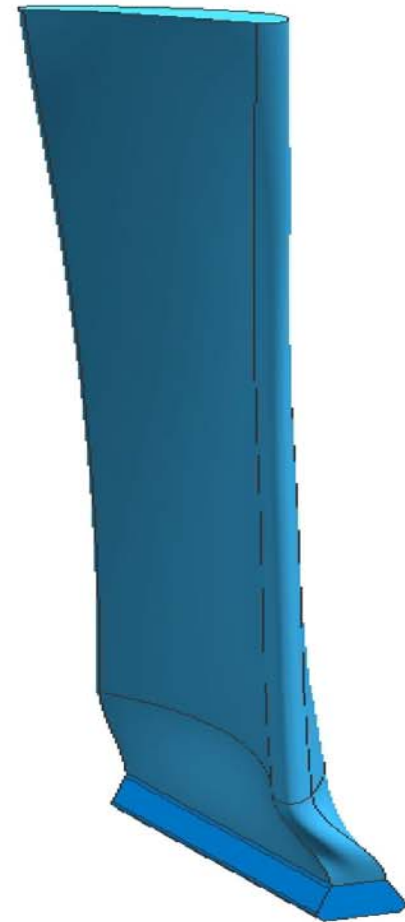


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Top View



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## Multi-Fidelity Aft-Shaping Methods for Design of Low-Boom Supersonic Concepts

### Milestone SUP.02.03.006

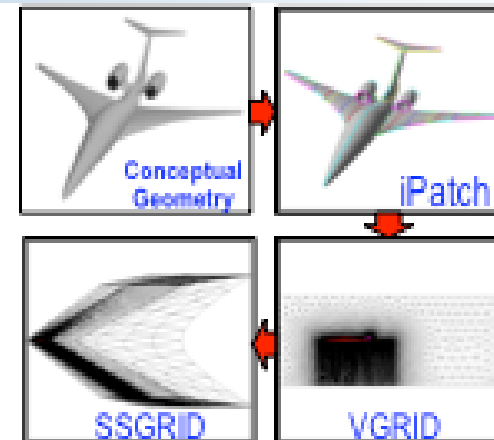
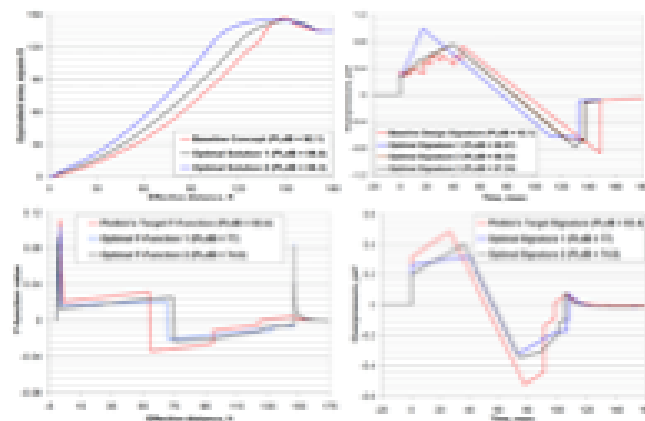
Integrated Multi-fidelity Aft End Vehicle Shaping Methodology Developed.

### Exit Criteria

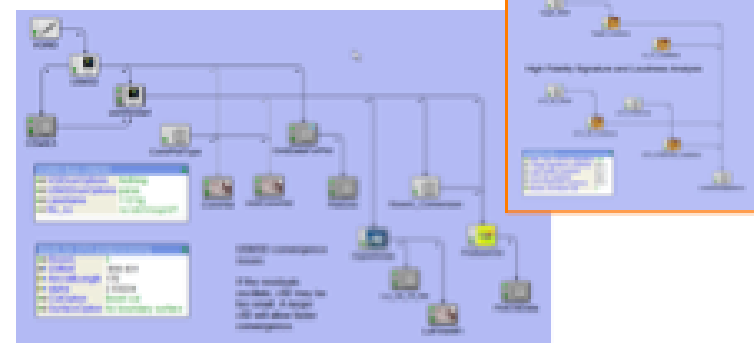
Demonstrate integrated multi-fidelity aft shaping design methodology in ModelCenter. This capability shall include:

- Ability to generate non-classical SEEB low boom target area distributions for improved aft shaping targets.
- Aft lift and plume simulation in low fidelity shaping process.
- CFD (USM3D) generated lift in multi-fidelity low boom shaping.

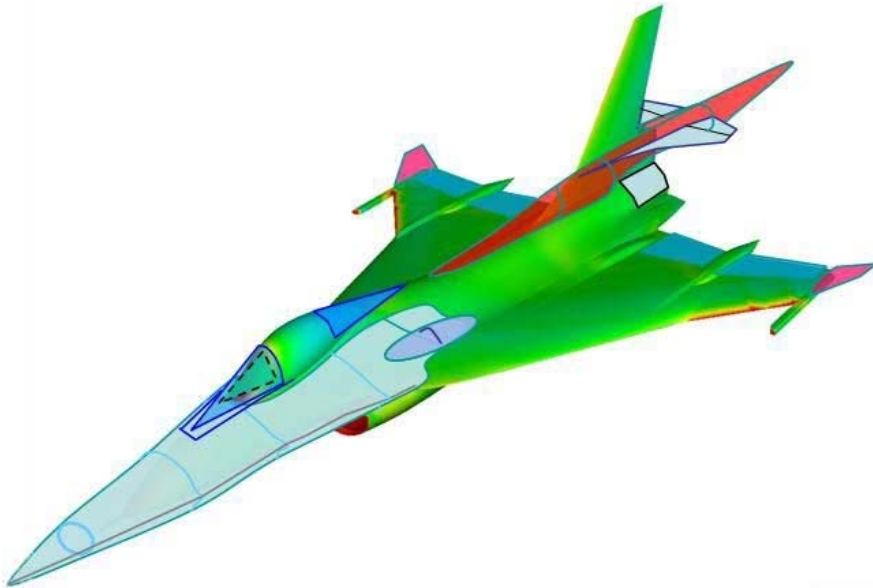
Multiple approaches are now available for generating optimized realizable aft shaped targets



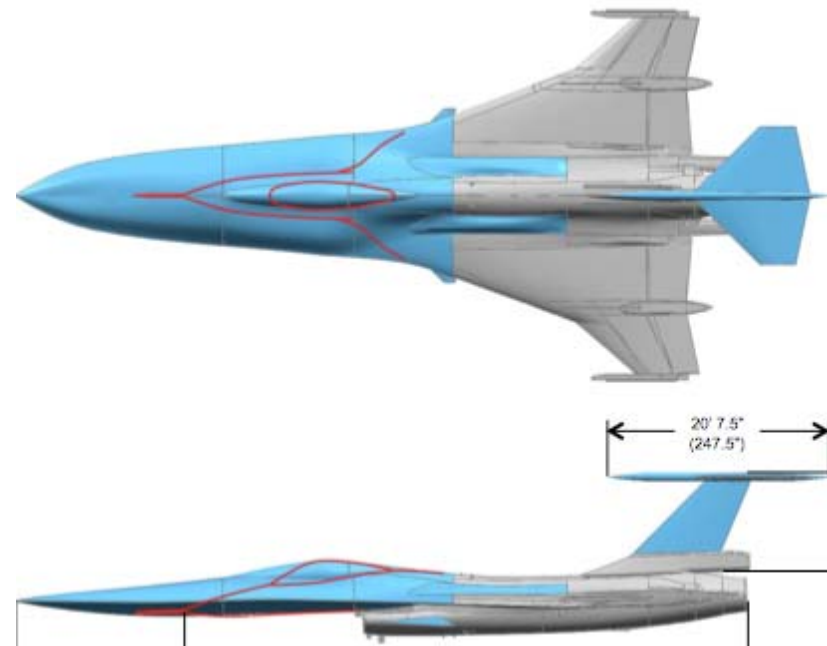
Integration of automated CFD (USM3D) generated lift for multi-fidelity low boom design shaping and generation off body pressures for boom analysis



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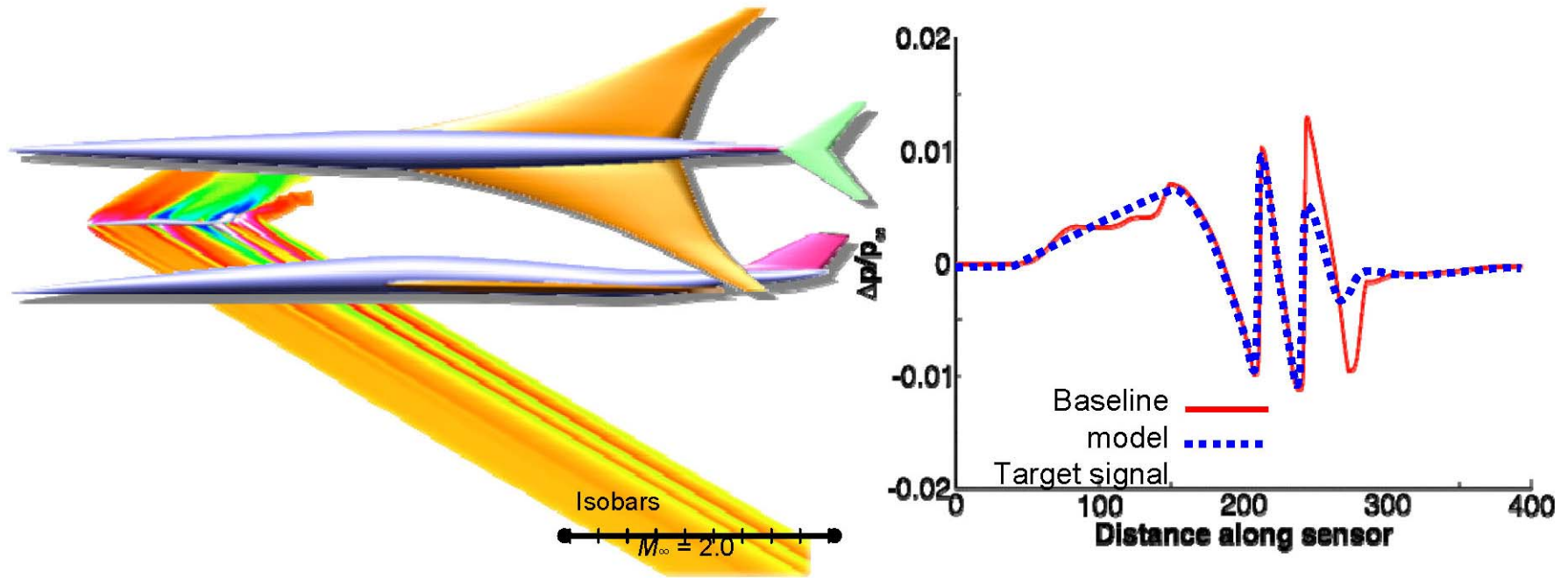
**Proposed Initial Design**



**Final Design**



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Ames model with single probes

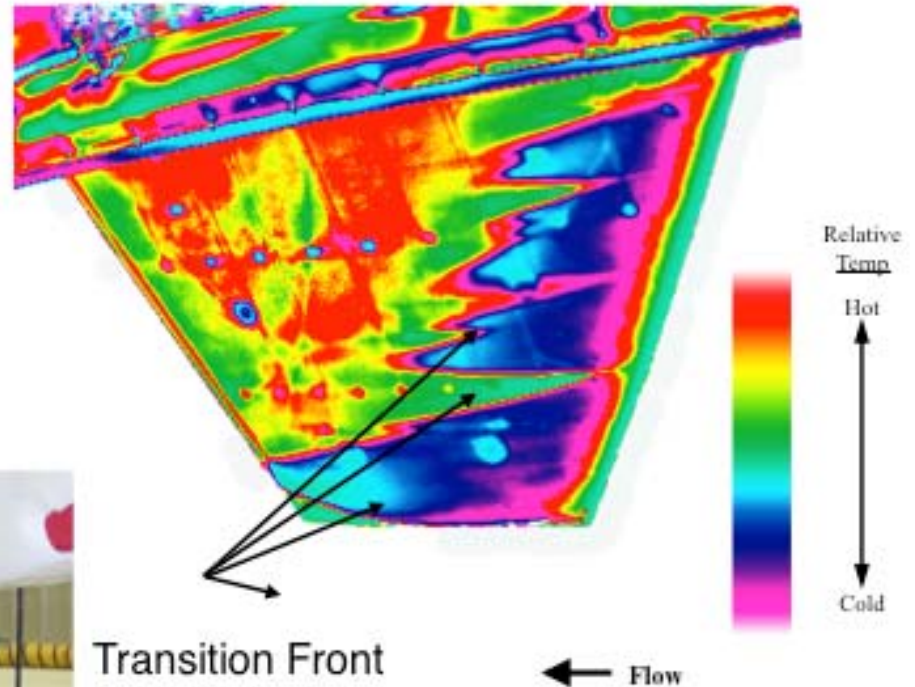
Mast-mounted multi-port probe rail



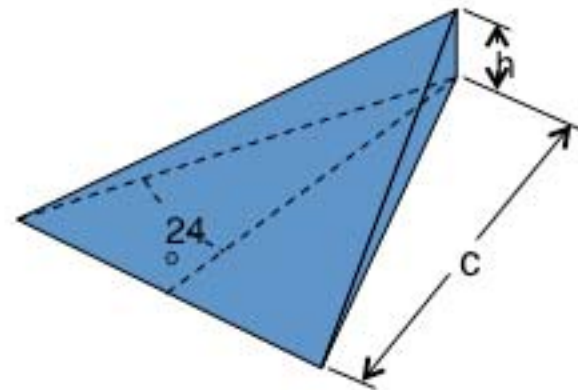
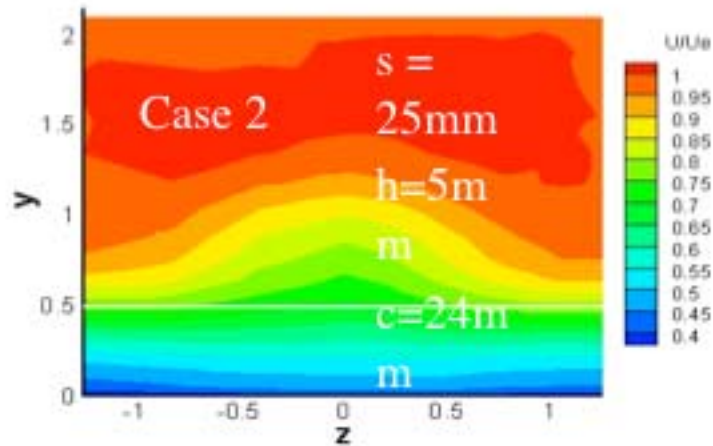
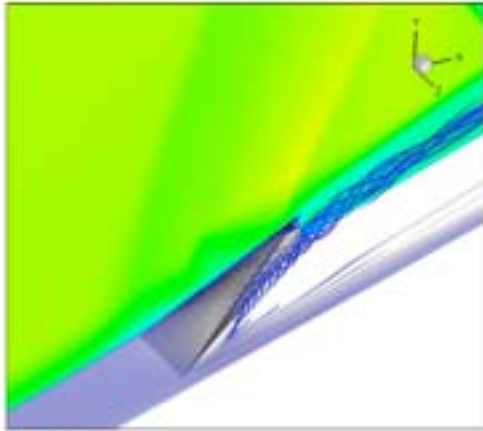
Gulfstream model with wall-mounted multi-port probe rail

Gulfstream

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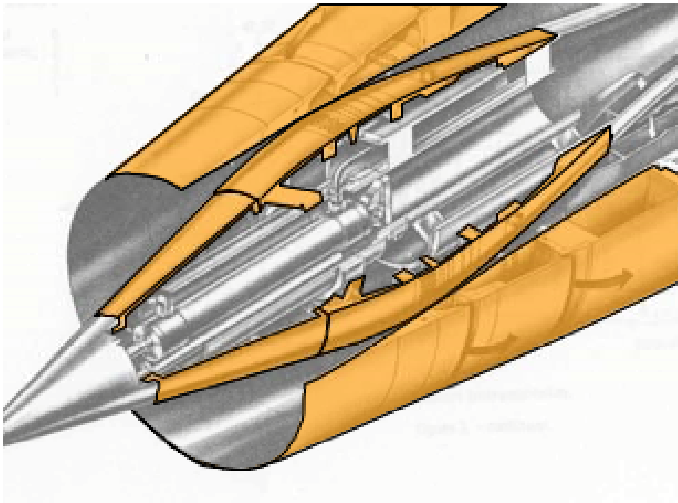
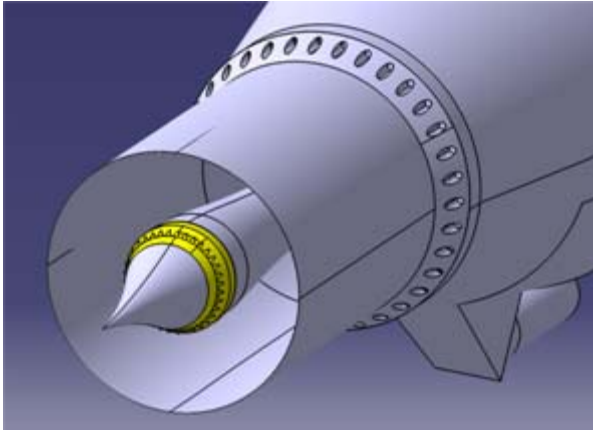
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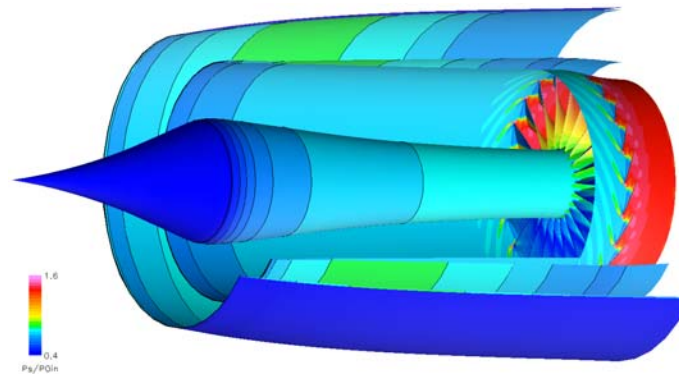
*Micro-ramp flow control device*



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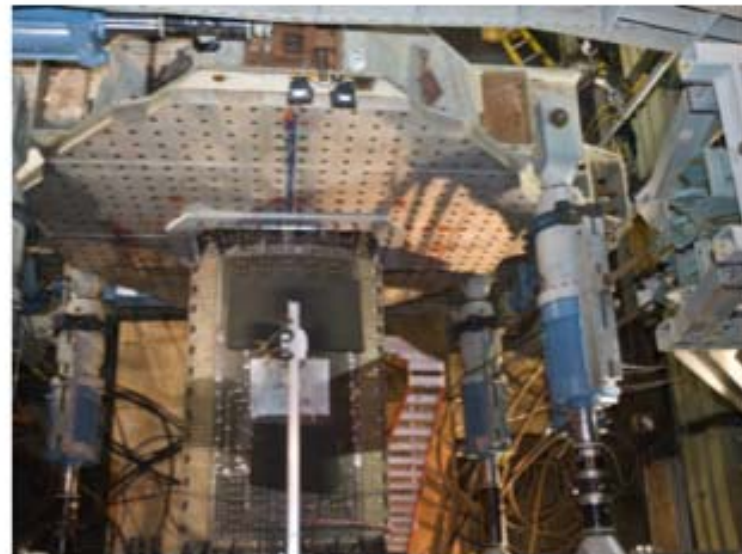
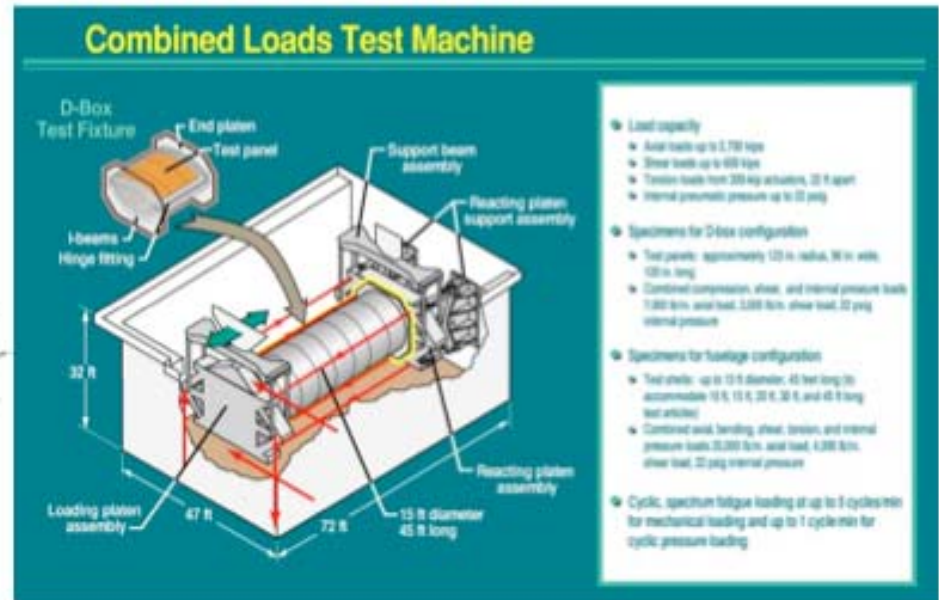
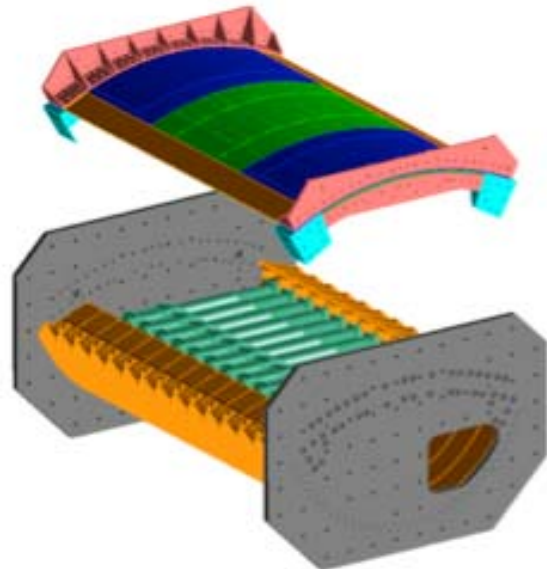
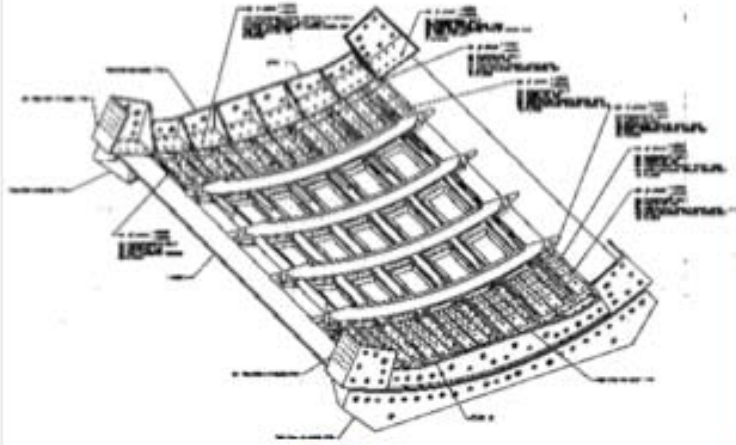


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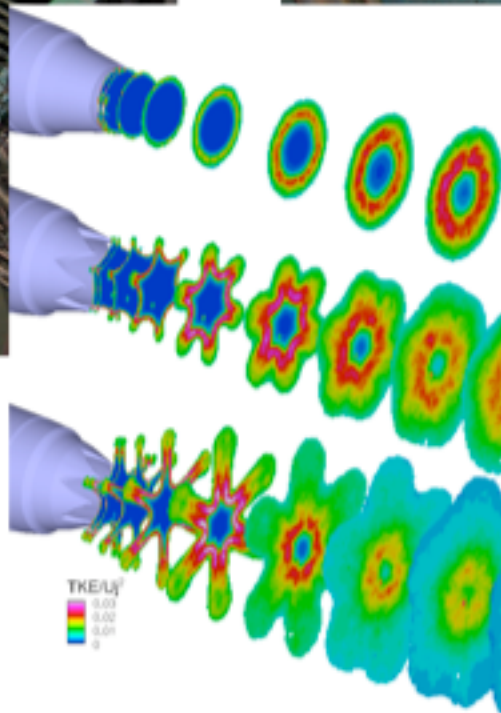
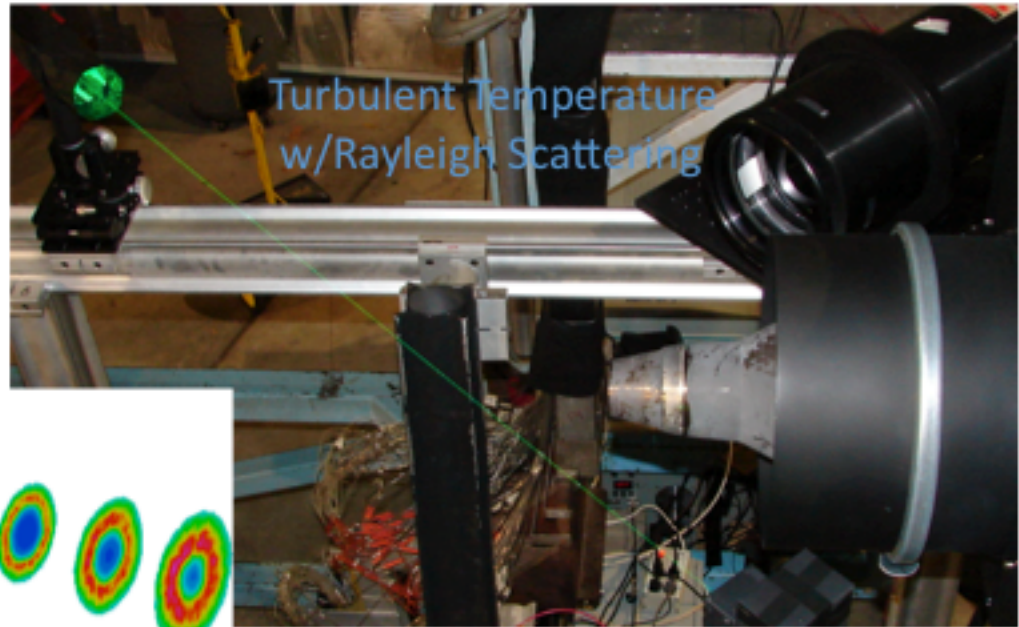
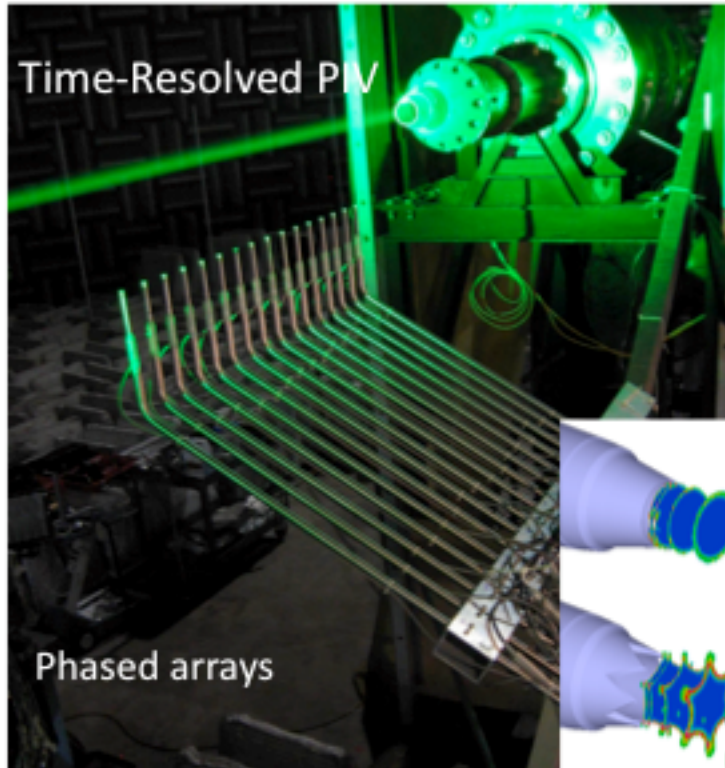




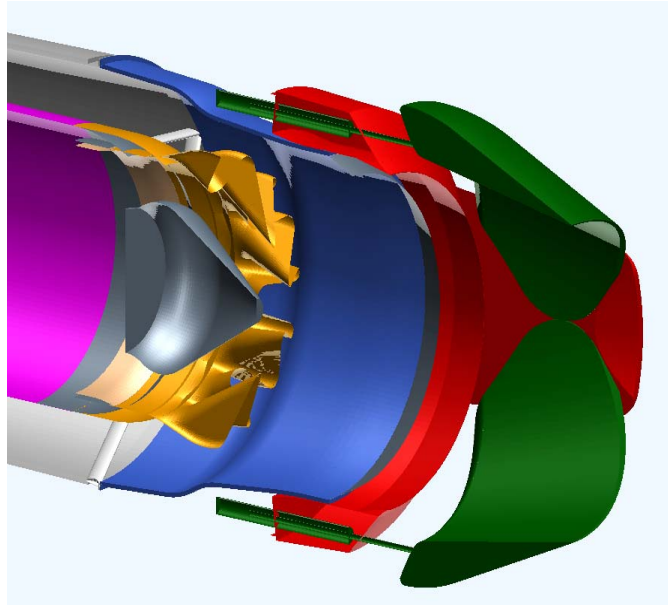
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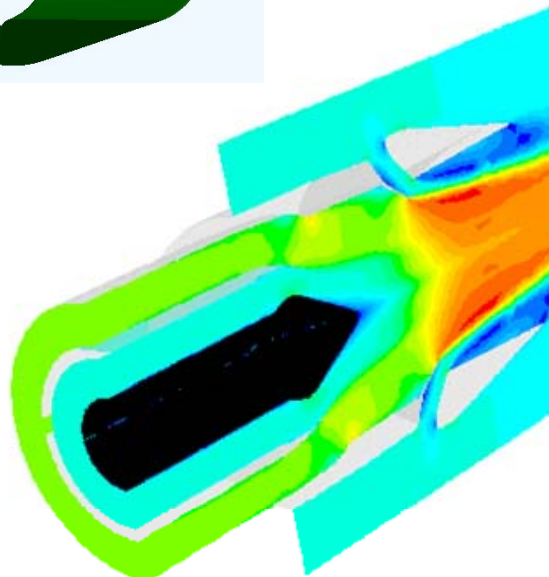
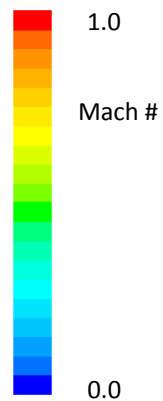
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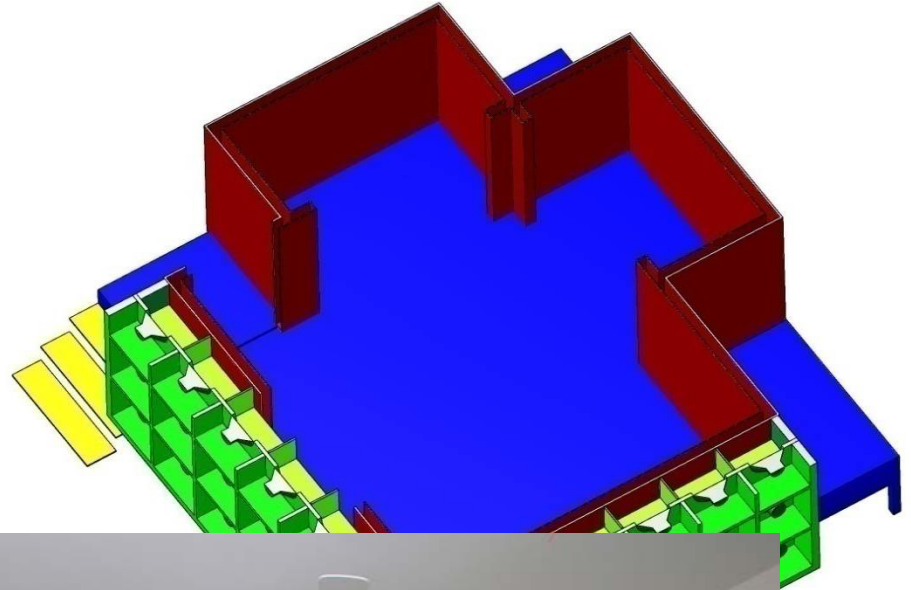


Take off Configuration





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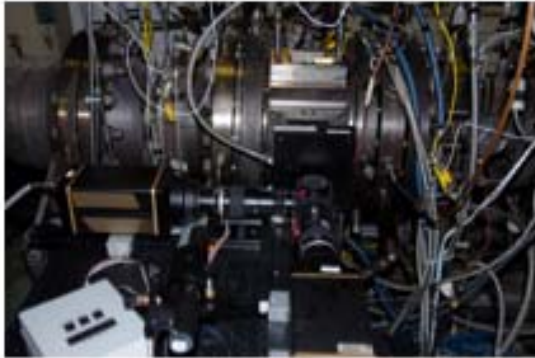
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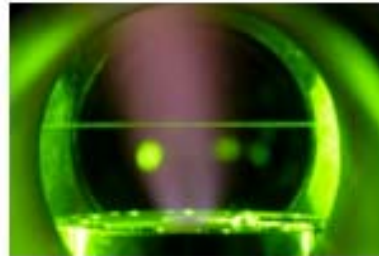




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Flametube Stand 2



SE-5 High-Pressure  
Laboratory Scale Burner

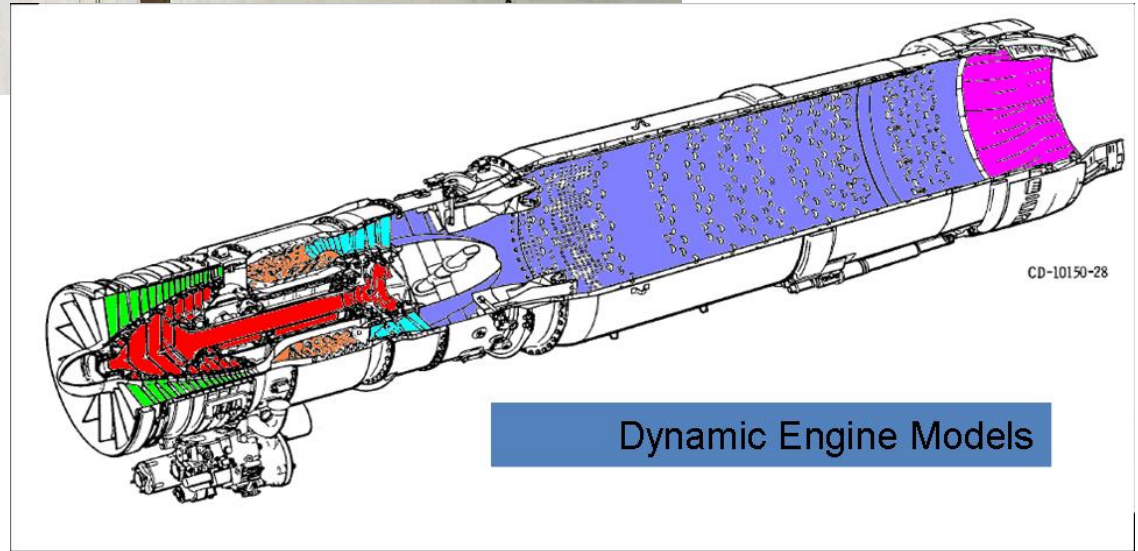


SE-11 Particle  
Altitude Simulation  
Laboratory

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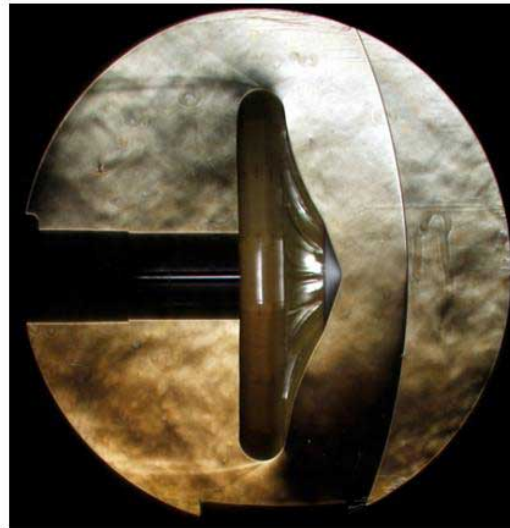
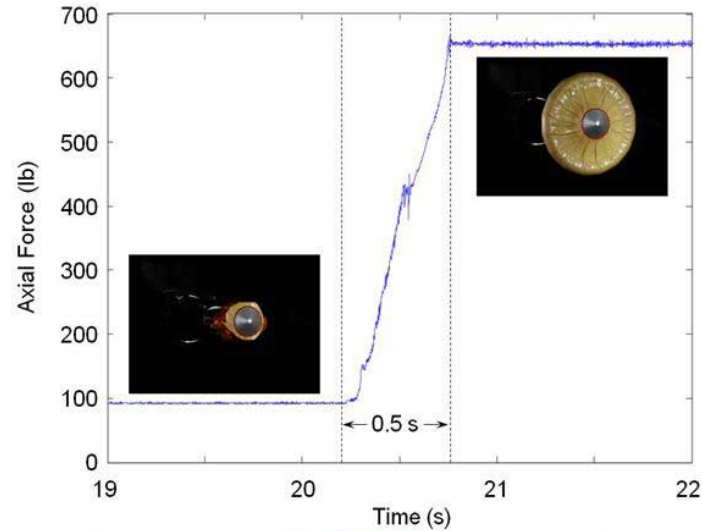
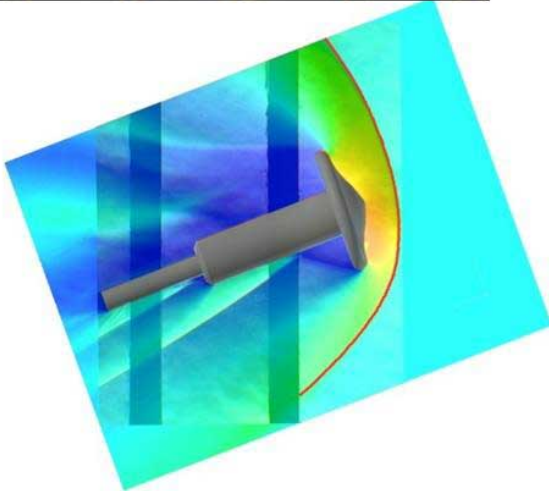


S<sup>4</sup>T Closed Loop Test



Dynamic Engine Models

# FY 09 Technical Accomplishments





# Many Thanks to the Whole Team!





# NRA Status

- FY09 – 2 Solicitations
  - Low emissions combustor design and test hardware development (3 awards)
  - N+2 Technology Validations (2 awards in negotiation)
- FY10
  - Sonic Boom Modeling solicitation early FY10
  - Many earlier awards concluding
  - Desire maximum amount of competition in subsequent activities
  - Broad solicitation likely mid FY10

|                                         | Educational Institutions | Commercial Entities |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Systems Integration & Assessment        | 2                        | 5                   |
| Cruise Efficiency – Propulsion          | 3                        | 3                   |
| Cruise Efficiency – Airframe            | 5                        | 2                   |
| Lightweight & Durable Airframes         | 5                        | 2                   |
| Lightweight & Durable Engines           | 6                        | 2                   |
| Airport Noise                           | 5                        | 2                   |
| Sonic Boom Modeling                     | 2                        | 3                   |
| High Altitude Emissions                 | 5                        | 4                   |
| Aero-Propulso-Servo-Elasticity          | 0                        | 2                   |
| Experimental Validations & Capabilities | 0                        | 1                   |
| Entry, Descent, & Landing               | 5                        | 4                   |
| <b>Total Awards</b>                     | <b>38</b>                | <b>30</b>           |

**Total: 68 NRA  
Awards \$43.4M  
values**



# Partnership Update

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- **Gulfstream Aerospace** - Tool development and validation for integrated low boom/low drag aircraft design
  - External Vision System requirements validation study complete
  - New activity to identify the effect of rattle in sonic boom annoyance
- **Aerion Corporation** - Supersonic Boundary layer transition prediction and validation using the CLIP test fixture on F15B
  - Hardware on site at DFRC, first flight late fall?
- **FAA Office of Environment** – Cooperatively pursue research supporting sonic boom standards development
- **DoD Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP) and NAVAIR** - Jet reduction concept development
  - Concepts, advanced diagnostic tools, and data from in house, NRA and SBIR activities are being shared with NAVAIR projects resulting in early exposure at higher TRL
  - Application of NASA advanced diagnostics in NAVAIR engine tests.
  - Technical review of DoD contractor activities
- **JAXA** – Fundamental supersonic technologies
  - Continued cooperation on structural-acoustic response to sonic boom
  - Cooperative agreement on supersonic boundary layer transition recently signed

# Emerging Partnership Opportunity



## Research Supporting Development of Standards for Community Exposure to Sonic Booms

- ICAO CAEP WG1 Supersonic Task Group (SSTG) is in the initial stages of developing a research roadmap
  - Identify research requirements that support development of sonic boom standards
  - Drafting group membership includes FAA, EASA, ICAS, DGAC, CNRS, NASA & Industry
- Roadmap covers the scope of activities related to community response
  - Metric development and validation
  - Effects of the atmosphere and flight operations
  - Community testing and extrapolation to broad populations
- Research activities should be international and cooperative to as large as extent as possible.
- Recent Activity
  - Demonstration of low noise sonic booms for WG1 and SSTG at NASA DFRC
  - International workshop on technical details of roadmap



**DRAFT** Community Response to Sonic Boom: Notional Roadmap for Research to Support Standards Development

|                                                                 | 2009                                                                                                                       | 2010                                                                                                                           | 2011                                                                                                                       | 2012                                                                                                                       | 2013                                                                                                                           | 2014                                                                                                                       | 2015                                                                                                                       | 2016                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Standards Development</b>                                    | SSTG<br>- Agree on methodology, test protocols, and draft standards and not criteria derived from research and development | CAEP WG1<br>- Agree on methodology, test protocols, and draft standards and not criteria derived from research and development | SSTG<br>- Agree on methodology, test protocols, and draft standards and not criteria derived from research and development | SSTG<br>- Agree on methodology, test protocols, and draft standards and not criteria derived from research and development | CAEP WG1<br>- Agree on methodology, test protocols, and draft standards and not criteria derived from research and development | SSTG<br>- Agree on methodology, test protocols, and draft standards and not criteria derived from research and development | SSTG<br>- Agree on methodology, test protocols, and draft standards and not criteria derived from research and development | CAEP WG1<br>- Agree on methodology, test protocols, and draft standards and not criteria derived from research and development |
| <b>Metric Development &amp; Validation</b>                      | - Initial Test Model<br>- Simulator studies<br>- Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                   | - Initial Test Model<br>- Simulator studies<br>- Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                       | - Initial Test Model<br>- Simulator studies<br>- Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                   | - Initial Test Model<br>- Simulator studies<br>- Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                   | - Initial Test Model<br>- Simulator studies<br>- Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                       | - Initial Test Model<br>- Simulator studies<br>- Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                   | - Initial Test Model<br>- Simulator studies<br>- Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                   | - Initial Test Model<br>- Simulator studies<br>- Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                       |
| <b>Effects of the Atmosphere &amp; Flight Operations</b>        | - Initial Test Model<br>- Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                          | - Initial Test Model<br>- Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                              | - Initial Test Model<br>- Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                          | - Initial Test Model<br>- Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                          | - Initial Test Model<br>- Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                              | - Initial Test Model<br>- Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                          | - Initial Test Model<br>- Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                          | - Initial Test Model<br>- Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                              |
| <b>Research Aircraft Development</b>                            | - Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                                                  | - Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                                                      | - Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                                                  | - Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                                                  | - Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                                                      | - Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                                                  | - Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                                                  | - Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                                                      |
| <b>Community Exposure Tests</b>                                 | - Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                                                  | - Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                                                      | - Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                                                  | - Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                                                  | - Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                                                      | - Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                                                  | - Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                                                  | - Shockwave test and analysis<br>- Whole house simulation                                                                      |
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# FY10 Directions

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- Shift focus towards Sonic Boom Technical Challenge
  - Design for simultaneous achievement of low boom and low drag
    - Analytical tool and process development
    - Wind tunnel validation (FY 09 NRA)
  - Modeling of boom impact on structures, people
    - Simulation and flight activities
    - New NRA Solicitation (Early FY 10)
  - Continue to build international consensus on community response research
    - ICAO/CAEP roadmapping activities
  - Continue to explore approaches to large scale testing
- Continue robust effort in remaining Technical Challenges
  - Highlights
    - Advanced inlet and nozzle tests
    - Low NO<sub>x</sub> combustor hardware development and testing
    - Large composite panel test to failure
    - New broad NRA solicitation (Mid FY 10)

# Supersonics Technical Sessions



- **Tuesday PM**
  - Technology Challenge Overviews (15 minute presentations)
- **Tuesday PM (concurrent session)**
  - Advanced Vehicles in NextGen
- **Wednesday AM**
  - Aero-Propulso-Servo-Elasticity
  - Cruise Efficiency - Propulsion
  - Cruise Efficiency - Airframe
- **Wednesday PM**
  - Systems Integration, Assessment and Validation
  - Airport Noise
- **Wednesday Evening**
  - Student Session
    - University Design Competition for Supersonic Cruise Aircraft
      - Contest Winners
      - Intern Presentations
- **Thursday AM**
  - Sonic Boom Modeling
  - High Altitude Emissions
  - Feedback Session (Open Forum 1 hr)
- **Thursday AM (concurrent session)**
  - Supersonic Laminar Flow Roadmapping
- **Thursday PM**
  - Lightweight, Durable Airframes
  - Lightweight, Durable Engines
- **Thursday PM (Hypersonics session)**
  - Entry Descent and Landing Technologies

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***Thank You,  
Welcome to the 2009 Fundamental Aeronautics Annual Meeting***



***Next Speaker:  
Dr. Jim Pittman: Principal Investigator, Hypersonics Project***